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Former Diplomat To Join Faculty In Second Term

A retired American career diplomat will replace Dr. George Lenczowski in Hamilton's political science department during the second semester, president Robert McEwen said today.

Lenczowski will leave the Hill in February to become Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of California.

One Term Appointment

Lenczowski's replacement, on a one term appointment, is Wesley Frost, who was, when he retired in 1943, the United States ambassador to Paraguay. He will carry the title of Visiting Professor of Political Science.

With degrees from Oberlin (A.B.) and George Washington (M.A.), Frost was employed by the U. S. Bureau of Statistics from 1908 to 1909. He then became a statistician for the State Department and in 1912 was appointed consul at Charlottstown, Prince Edward Island. In 1914 Frost was named consul at Cork, Ireland. There he became an expert on German submarine warfare and during the first World War he lectured extensively on undersea warfare and in 1918 wrote, *German Submarine Warfare.*

Consul At Marseilles

Frost was a consul at Marseilles, France from 1921 until 1924 when he became consul general. He was consul general at Montreal from 1928 to 1935. Then he became conselor of the Embassy and charge d'affairs at Rio de Janeiro and Santiago. Frost was named minister to Paraguay in 1941 and was promoted to the rank of ambassador in 1942.

Frost will teach both sections of political science 6 and a course on Latin America. The scheduled course in the Near and Middle East will not be offered during the second semester.

Cairns Replaced ByEx-Hamiltonian

Visiting Professor of Philosophy T. Dorion Cairns has resigned, effectively immediately, "for reasons of health," it was announced Wednesday. His future plans are unknown.

Cairns' classes will be taught by Kalixt Stephen Synakowski, a member of Hamilton's Class of 1946, who has been appointed Visiting Instructor in Philosophy. Synakowski has a Ph.D. in process at Harvard and has had teaching experience at Champlain College. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Chi Psi. Synakowski wiill begin work at Hamilton on Monday.

Cairns was appointed to Hamilton's faculty to replace John Blyth, who is absent on leave this year. Blyth, holding a grant from the Ford Foundation, is writing a book on logic.

Mrs. Elihu Root Dies; Rites Held In Chapel

Mrs. Alida Stryker Root, 70, daughter of Dr. Melancthon Woolsey Stryker, president of Hamilton from 1892 to 1917, died Sunday at her home in New York City after a short illness.

Mrs. Root was the wife of Elihu Root, Jr., son of Elihu Root, '64, former United States Senator and Secretary of State.

Funeral services for Mrs. Root were held in the Hamilton College Chapel on Monday afternoon. Burial was in the College cemetery. Services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Robert J. Parker of Clinton.

EDITORIAL

Fraternities At Hamilton

(This is the first in a series of three editorials on Hamilton's fraternity system. The second editorial will appear next week.)

Hamilton is, essentially, a fraternity college. The fraternity system is held in high regard by alumni, undergraduates, and faculty, and its existence here colors their attitudes and actions in College affairs to a considerable extent.

That the growth of the fraternity system at Hamilton coincides with the development of the College is no accident. The College was but nineteen years old when the nation's second oldest fraternity established a branch here—the first "chapter" of any fraternity, and one year later, in 1832, a second fraternity, destined to become one of the country's strongest nationals, was founded at Clinton. A continued growth since then has led to the establishment of ten nationals and one local on campus. Now 78 per cent of the student body are fraternity members, and the reputation of Hamilton as a "fraternity college" has become an irrefutable fact.

Fraternities Depend On College

Frequently forgotten, however, is the fact that the existence of any fraternity or system of fraternities is completely dependent upon the existence of the college. And equally important is the fact that the fraternities fulfill a useful function to the college only inasmuch as their aims and ideals coincide wth the goals of the college as a whole. For the typical small liberal arts college could easily exist without fraternities and still offer an excellent brand of education (an example is Haverford), whereas the fraternities could never exist independently of the college.

The main job of Hamilton College is, officially, in the classroom. The goals of the College have been defined by its administration in the following way:

(1) to develop the ability to make critical judgements in order to prepare the student to analyze the problems he faces now and will face later—this is the intellectual goal;

(2) to assist the student to prepare for responsible participation, whether as a leader or a follower, in the local and world communities—this is the social goal:

(3) to produce, from its student body, a high percentage of real leaders—this is the goal of potential leadership.

And underlying these three specific goals is the assumption that the Hamilton graduate be a man of high integrity in his personal dealings.

While the College can be wholly responsible only for its job in the classroom in its attempt to make these goals realities, every detail in the life of a student during his four years on the Hill affects the success and reputation of the College in achieving its stated aims for the individual student. And so, when the goals of the College and the fraternities coincide in these activities, the job can be much more successfully completed. But, when the goals of the two are at variance, the College owes it to its student body, and to its own reputation as an educational leader among liberal arts colleges to correct or to eliminate the discrepancies between the two.

Not A Condemnation Of Fraternities

Is this editorial series to be construed then as a condemnation of the fraternity system at Hamilton? Most decidedly not. We would state emphatically that Hamilton not only has the fraternity system but *likes* the fraternity system. But these editorials are intended to serve as a reminder that any system can become stagnant and purposeless if allowed to remain in a status quo without occasional examination and perhaps revision. The purpose of these editorials is to review several features of the fraternity system as it now functions which we believe can be improved.

In this project we have interviewed juniors or seeniors in every house on the campus, soliciting facts, opinions, and ideas. We herewith present our evidence and our opinions on several aspects of fraternity life. We are attempting to answer the specific question: What is the existing relationship of the activities of Hamilton's fraternities to the stated goals of the College? And after answering this question, we hope to suggest ways by which this relationship can be improved.

Examination Of Scholarship

Let us begin by examining one of the most vital phases of College life—studies. What is the role which, ideally, the fraternity should play in helping to realize the College's aim of encouragng good study habits and a healthy respect of scholasticism?

The foremost concern of a fraternity in this matter is attitude. That a house should seek to graduate five or six men each year with Phi Bete keys is as unnatural as it is unrealistic. Hamilton, priding itself on stiff academic standards, does not expect "A" work from the majority of its students. But the College, having screened its incoming students on the basis of scholastic promise, does anticipate a high level of generally mature work from its students and a mature attitude towards scholarship. Do the houses generally foster this ideal?

Room For Improvement

Our answer would be "only to a limited extent," and thus here is an area for improvement. Many houses leave scholarship up to the individual except for whatever help is given to freshmen. The student is neither encouraged nor discouraged by the house to do his best. A general indifference to studies exists in many houses where there is only a passive concern for the apathetic student. The juniors and seniors often play the game of "talking down" scholarship, although in reality they respect it. This attitude is dangerous, especally when it influences the feelings of the younger students towards studying.

Although several houses have a genuine spirit of competition towards academic achievement, which is fostered by house or national fraternity recognition of good work, the general fraternity attitude towards study is one of indifference. Perhaps scholarship is an indivdual matter, but we feel it is difficult to defend this view because of the necessary relationshp between fraternities and the college. We suggest that it is the responsibility of each house to foster the proper, encouraging attitude towards good scholarship rather than to expect a uniformly high level of achievement. If each member knows that the house expects and encourages him to work close to his actual ability, then the house has done its job. Perhaps the house, through individual or group action, can achieve its goal here by needling or "riding" the student who plays the

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Play Top Roles In 'The Browning Version'

J. Ryan Brownfield and Mrs. G. Howard Williams take the lead roles in "The Browning Version," the second part of the Charlatans' fall production, "Playbill."

CRITIC SAYS:

"If You Don't See 'Playbill' You're Missing Grand Time"

By Neil Harvey Gould

The English national character has long been one of the favorite subjects of playwrights. In *Playbill,* a work consisting of two long one-act plays, Terence Rattigan artfully presents the two most familiar English stage "types:" the overly dramatic, self-centered, snobbish Englishman, and the subdued, reserved, and restrained Englishman who silently suffers while all the unhappy conditions life can create are built up around him.

The first of these interesting gentlemen is presented in a farce — *Harlequinade* — which served as an effective curtain raiser for last night's performance. Around Arthur Gosport and wife Edna (a sort of Palmer-Harrison team who tour the English provinces in Shakespeare for what, in the play, is vaguely defined as "social purpose") revolves a crew of as zany, bewildered, and thoroughly delightful characters as ever graced a stage.

There are truly no minor parts in this play. Robert Thompson as the constable (later raised to inspector) is, in his work, as effective as David Freyss, who does an excellent job as the posturing, strutting Gosport. Lucy M. Lewis was sarcastically brilliant as Edna, as was Ethel Cameron as Dame Maud, a sort of first lady of yesterday's stage. Allen Hallock as stage manager was amusingly harrased by Edith Brownfield and Theodore Davis who play the long-forgotten daughter and son-in-law of Arthur Gosport.

And now for the more serious part of the program: *The Browning Version.*

It is unusual to find a near professional performance in a college. The Browning Version is one. The delineation of character, the voice characterization, and the subject emotional intensity displayed by Mr. Brownfield characterize him as a truly fine actor. At times the rest of the cast forgot that they were reserved, restrained, Englishmen and acted more like Americans, and the English national stage character suffered a bit for it. But on the whole the cast was uniformly excellent.

David Grinwis and Thomas Raynor did a fine job staging *Harlequinade,* and William Woodman did an equally brilliant job with *The Browning Version.* Frederick Selch's settings were interestingly con-

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Chapel Board

A meeting of the Chapel Board is scheduled for Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in the Psi U house library, chairman Bob Fry announced.

MUSIC

Benkman Concert Reveals Spirited, Imaginative Artist

Miss Patricit Benkman, a charming and gifted young artist, gave a spirited and imaginative performance of works by Liszt, Schumann, Franck, Fuleihan, and Rachmaninoff in the Chapel on November 29. Although the program was not a varied one, it served to show Miss Benkman's expert technique and her imaginative interpretation.

The Arabesque, Opus 18, by Robert Schumann was given an especeially charming performance. In it Miss Benkman displayed true artistry. Her delicate touch was always sure and controlled. Her phrasing was exceptionally clean. There were none of the little "slips" at this concert which are so often heard at performances of young artists.

Acoustics Poor

Unfortunately, the acoustics of the Chapel are not good for piano recitals. Miss Benkman can scarcely be blamed for a lack of strength that seemed to be evident in some of the more powerful momtnts of the Bach-Liszt "Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen Zagen."

Incidentally, a word concerning the composer, "Bach-Liszt." Bach has been used by many composers as a source of inspiration. "Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen Zagen," an aria from the B minor Mass, was used by Liszt as a basis for a set of elaborate and virtuoso variations.

Franck Offering Brilliant

One of the major works of the evening was the Prelude, Chorale, and Fugue By Cesar Franck. This work is, perhaps, Franck's most valuable contribution to pianistic literature. Miss Benkman's performance of this extremely difficult work was exceptional. She gave herself to it completely, and the result was a warm and brilliantly effective performance.

Certainly Miss Benkman is well on the way to becoming an outstanding young musical artist. We look forward to hearing more of her work here on the Hill.

N.H.G.

Lead In'Harlequinade'

Lead male in the Charlatans' "Harlequinade" is David Freyss.

Debaters Practice In Utica Tourney

Four novice members of the Hamilton Debating squad participated in a practice tournament for beginners at Utica College on Saturday. They debated the national topic, "Resolved: that the federal government should adopt a permanent program of price and wage controls."

Both the affirmative team of George Kerr and Paul Baily and the negative team of Walter Menhardt and Bob Tallman gained one victory each in a total of six debates. Other schools in the tournament were Utica College, Colgate University and Albany State Teachers' College.

Sponsored by Utica

The practice was sponsored by the Utica club to take the place of the cancelled LeMoyne College novice tournament.

Tomorrow Hamilton debaters will travel to Hamilton, N. Y., to take part in Colgate's annual novice competition. Alan Savory and Sheldon Glass for the affirmative and Calvin Torrance and Robin Holloway for the negative will represent Hamilton. They will face teams from approximately twelve other New York State schools and will discuss the national topic.

As part of the Debate Club's extension speaking program, Jay Williams and George Lowerre will discuss, at the Optimist Club of Rome on December 13, possible presidential candidates in the 1952 election.

Music Club Concert

The Music Club will hold the third concert in its 1951-52 series on Sunday at 9 p.m. in Alpha Delta Phi Hall. The featured work will be Mozart's Concerto in E Flat for horn, with other works by Debussy and Beethoven. T he College community is invited to attend.

Charlatans' Play, Sophomore Dance, Highlight Weekend

Saturday Matinee Set For 'Playbill'

A matinee beginning at 2:15 p.m. tomorrow will be the final performance of the Charlatans' fall production, *Playbill,* staged in the Soper Hall of Commons. As in Thursday's and tonight's performances there will be no admission charge Saturday for the two long one-act plays, *The Browning Version* and *Harlequinade,* that make up Terence Rattigan's *Playbill.*

The Browning Version, the more serious in tone of the two plays, is directed by sophomore Bill Woodman. Included in the cast are Betty Williams and Jack Brownfield, the leads, with Cathy Jones, Paul Hogan, David Parfitt, Pieter Mayer, and Carl Peterson filling out the other roles.

In the light farce, *Harlequinade,* Lucy Lewis and David Freyss are cast in the major roles, supported by Edith Brownfield, Ethel Cameron, Martha Hogan, Eleanor Leahy, Al Hallock, Ted Davis, Dan Fulmer, Al Kaiser, Bruce MacQueen, Charlie Rose, Dick Sherman, Bob Thompson, and Harry Woggon. The play is co-directed by David Grinwiss and Tom Raynor.

The sets for the *Playbill* were designed by Eric Selch and executed under the direction of Jerry Denniston. Lighting was handled by Edson Beckwith and properties by Ron Brown.

Dance Saturday

The sophomores will sponsor a dance under the all-College Social Committe plan tomorrow night from 9 p. m. to 12:30 a. m. in the Hall of Commons. Music will be provided by The Colegians, while The Buffers will sing during the intermission.

Admission price for non-ticket holders wll be $1.20 per couple and $.60 for stags.

The dance committee, composed of Diinny Calkins, Dan Goodstein, Ken Higgins, Gordon Nichol, Dave Nelson, Stan Stiller, and Sheldon Glass, planned to provide blind dates for students, but since little interest was shown in the plan, it was abandoned.

Decorations for the dance will be based on a "Night Before Christmas Theme." The stage used for the Charlatans' play will be used to accomodate the band. Refreshments will be served.

'Hamilton On Air' To Feature Talks

Next in the series of *Hamilton on the Air* broadcasts will feature associate professors David M. Ellis and Langdon Rockwell on Sunday at 5:30 p. m. over Utica station WIBX. They will discuss effects of the British elections on the 1952 American presidential elections with juniors Don Webster and Connie Ring.

On December 16, the Charlatans will present a radio play, *The Plot to Overthrow Christmas,* by Norman Corwin.

Two programs have been presented so far in the series. The first, on November 11, was a religious program in which Dean William Hamilton, Lyman Stooky, John McMillan, and Dick Hogan participated. The second, on December 2, was a discussion of modern art by Professor Paul Parker of the art department and junior Bob Schuster.

Hamilton on the Air is heard every Sunday over WIBX from 5:30 to 6 p. m. The program is supervised by G. Howard Williams of the English department and assistant director of public relations Richard Muniz.

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game of just getting by when he could do better work, and by giving praise and recognition to real achievement. But again we stress that in this matter, attitude is more vital than achievement, and it should be the chief concern of the house to shift the generally prevalent attitude of indifference to one of encouragement and recognition of class work well done.

How good are the study conditions in fraternity houses? Here we find a wide range of opinion. Some houses with "quiet hour rules" encourage their freshmen to study in the house. In these houses all upperclassmen are able to study since the atmosphere is quiet and undisturbing. On the other hand, many students indicated that their houses are fairly noisey until about 11 p.m. and that they find it necessary to study in the Library or in another College building. The latter condition is unfortunate, especially to the student with only average study habits, and is related to the first point we made, the indifferent attitude of the house as a whole. While "quiet hour rules" are perhaps too strict a discipline for the average student, we urge that every house do all that it can to curb the noise and distractions for a certain period each evening, so that residents of the house who want to study there may at least have the comforts of informality and pleasant surroundings without being forced to go to study in College buildings and so that freshmen and other members living outside the house can have a chance for a quiet and congenial place to study. Rules in this regard would be difficult to enforce, and thus it would require the informal cooperation of all members to assure that the house in the evening is a satisfactory place to study.

Non Curricular Distractions

How distracting are the non-curricular activities of a fraternity—e.g. bull sessions, movie clubs, card playing, etc.? In general, we found that these played a very important part in fostering genitality and relaxation and only rarely served as a real obstacle to study. But we feel that these activities can become dangerous when they upset the atmosphere of quiet needed for study, and when the freshmen in a house become too influenced by them. Upperclassmen generally know how much time they can set aside for such relaxation. But freshmen, on the average, have to spend more time on work and have less well developed study habits and schedules. Since the freshmen-upperclassmen contact is mainly at meal times when the members are engaged in the aforementioned activities, frosh are liable to gain an inexact insight into the relation between study and recreation. But, after a natural period of orientation, the glamor of non-curricular interests should wear off, and, generally, the freshman should be able to develop a work-play ratio to meet his needs. We feel that it is the responsibility of each house to encourage its freshmen to utilize their time for recreation but only after they have discovered the true importance of relaxation and the amount that can be spent on it.

Importance Of Attitudes

In this discussion of scholarship we clearly see the importance of house attitudes on the freshman. We found that houses generally had considerable concern for the academic status of their freshmen because each one has, on paper at least, a strong advisory system. On paper, we say, for in many instances we discovered a powerful system only partially utilized.

The houses seem to have two types of advisory systems, and some houses combine the two. One is the "big brother" plan, in which a single senior or junior is directly responsible for the work of an assigned freshman. The strength of this program is that the senior advises not only in scholastic matters but also guides and channels the student's interests in appropriate social, athletic, and extra-curricular lines. The other system is the "specialist" plan, where a freshman is told that he can seek help in a given subject from three or four members of the house who are familiar with both the subject and the professors in the department. The most effective system seems to be a combination of these two plans. That way the freshman has not only a "big brother" but also a range of "specialists" to choose from for more specific information. On paper all these plans look good. Where then do they break down in actual operation?

Actually the impetus in any such plan lies mainly with the upperclassmen. But usually the upperclassman becomes too concerned with his own activities to keep accurate tabs on the freshmen. And so in operation the system rests on the premise that the freshman in difficulty will come and see his advisor, but this often doesn't happen. The freshman may have a sense of false pride and hesitate to come for help. The house must break down any idea that coming for help is an admission of failure. (How few students there are at Hamilton who *didn't* have trouble with English Composition 1-2). The men who have volunteered as "specialists" and "big brothers" must make sure that every request for help is satisfied and they must realize that they should take the initiative in fostering a successful advisory system. The freshmen must be made to realize that a healthy attitude and a reasonable level of achievement in matters of scholarship are expected of him, and that the house stands ready and willing to assist him in making his academic adjustment from the seecondary level to the college level.

Scholarship and fraternity activities, therefor , are vitally connected with each other. In general, the scholastic achievements of Hamilton students are of an excellent standard, and the records in graduate school bear out this fact. But we feel that in many respects— attitude, making sure each man works close to hisi capacity, study conditions in the house, concern with non-curricular activities, and advisory systems—the fraternities do not live up to their oblibations to the College. We feel that our suggestions, if carried out, would help bring the scholastic activities of the fraternities closer to the academic aim of the College.

NAMES & FACES

Hamilton students seeking information on such varied topics as flying saucers, Picasso, the War of Jenkin's Ear, or Alf Landon know where to go to get the answers. Their source is Miss Helen Gaffney, charming and efficient member of the Library staff, whose official title, "Reference and Circulation Librarian," means, unofficially, the College's "Answer Man."

Born in the town of Sauquoit Valley, her family moved to Clinton when she was very young. She attended the Utica Free Academy, and later, the Utica School of Commerce. Upon her graduation from the latter, Miss Gaffney took a position in the business office at Hamilton, where she worked as a secretary. Her occasional contacts with the College Library in connection with her secretarial work deepened her interest in books, and in 1929 she became secretary to the librarian.

Left Library To Gain Degree

At that time, the library was under the supervision of Dr. Joseph Ibbotson, who had done much to develop the current collection. Also working in the Library in the thirties was a younger administrator, Mr. Steig, who, noticing Miss Gaffney's interest in Library work, urged her to complete a college course and gain a degree in library science. And so in 1939, she left Hamilton to attain her Bachelor of Arts degree in work at the University of Buffalo, with summer sessions at Syracuse and Catholic University. Following this work, she earned her degree in library science at Columbia University.

Her present position as Reference and Circulation Librarian involves answering numerous requests from students and faculty for information, as well as supervising circulation, directing the Library staff, and generally making sure that things run smoothly in the Library. Expressing her love for "tracking down the answer" through the card catalog and other reference tools, she mentioned that the appreciation from the students she has helped and her long and friendly association with Hamilton men have made the job a pleasure for her.

Bookplates, Horseback Riding Are Her Hobbies

One of her favorite hobbies has sprung directly from library work. Encouraged by Mr: Steig whose interest was in bookplates and who designed one for her in 1939, she then began to make a collection of bookplates. Mentioning that the Library has a very excellent collection, she added that when she has more free time, she has palns to develop her own assemblage of unusual bookplates. At present, she spends most of her free time working around, and helping complete, the new home which her family recently built on Fountain Street. Another of her interests is horseback riding, and she often rides on campus or in the Root woods. During the few moments of free time in the Library, she has recently been working to compile a bibliography on Carl Carmer, '14.

Besides these activities, Miss Gaffney is busy with club activities. Servng on the book group of the Mohawk Valley branch of the American Association of University Women, she is also on the program committee of the National Education Honor Society. In addition, she is chairman of the Faculty Women's Club play-reading group.

Confused By Flying Sculpture

Her most humerous recollection of Library work involves the collection of modern painting and sculpture exhibited in the Library a few years ago. One of the works was a ultra-modern, "flying sculpture," composed of a suspended figure made from thin metal strips. Arriving at the Library the morning after the exhibit was arranged, Miss Gaffney admired the paintings, and as she headed towards her desk, she was astounded by the sculpture. Believing it to be an electrical fixture which had come apart, she was about to call General Burton's office to have it repaired, when Professor Parker entered and explained the sculpture. In every other feature of her Library work, however, Miss Gaffney is not only up with the times, but more often than not, ahead of it.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Student Criticizes Paper's Coverage Of Mowrer's Visit

December 4, 1951

To the Editor:

Reading the articles in *Spectator* number 8,dealing with the speech and the interview recently given by Mr. Mowrer here at Hamilton, I feel it is necessary to tell you what I am thinking about your printing articles like these without any editor's comment.

I think you can't blame Mr. Mowrer for uttering his impressions. He is supposed to do that; and he gets paid for it in hard cash. You can't blame him for giving you "slightly" wrong historical facts. This is a well known attitude especially of the most brilliant speakers and you call it, in a French phrase, "corriger la fortune," for unfortunately sometimes things that have happened don't match the proposition that the speaker is going to defend, and so you can cure this fact by "correcting the fortune." You can't, after all, blame Mr. Mowrer for being bitter against the Germans.

You can't blame him; you can only regret him for transferring his bitterness, together with his queer and sometimes contradicting impressions, to youthful minds, using his authority as a well known foreign correspondent in a somewhat dangerous way.

But you can comment on it, and you have to comment on it. I ask you: "Sapienter aude!" (i.e. dare to use your brains.) Don't say: "We are too young to criticize," for then you are too young to run a newspaper. Don't say: "We are too stupid to criticize such a big wheel as Mr. Mowrer." Regard things that happened in Nazi Germany and that are happening now in Eastern Germany, and you'll realize the consequences of blind trusting in any human authority.

You are supposed to comment facts, for you have the background the average college boy does not have. Otherwise speeches like that one of Mr. Mowrer are somewhat similar to those ones of a certain Dr. Goebbles in Nazi Germany—spreading suspicion and prejudices among the peoples.

Hermann Hagena
(Exchange Student)

Count To Discuss Christmas Origins

Count

Dr. Earl W. Count, head of Hamilton's Anthropology department, will discuss "Christmas Through Four Millenia" in an all-College lecture Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the Chapel. The lecture is being sponsored by the Student Christian Association.

Dr. Count will base his talk on his book 4000 *Years of Christmas.*

A review of the book in the *New York Times* said, "His story tells of an ancient festival that moves westward from the cradle of humanity, passing in various ways through Greece, Rome and Israel, becoming part of a faith that conquered the pagan Mediterranean world and spreading north and then over the earth." Dr. Count will tell in his lecture how many of the rites which we celebrate at Christmas today have their origin in pagan rites of the past.

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Kaiser Non-Playing Wonder Of Hill's First Hockey Season

The year 1918 saw a great many changes taking place throughout the world. Uppermost in everyone's mind was the greatest war of all time then taking place in Europe; Flo Ziegfeld was working on the first drafts of his greatest show, the "Follies of 1919;" and at Hamilton College, nestled in the cloistered confines of the Oriskany Valley, an innovation was in the air.

In January, 1918, the faculty announced that "In order to develop hockey as an intramural sport, a committee be authorized to approve four games of intercollegiate hockey to follow an intramural schedule." Within a few days, Coach Ira A. Prettyman had posted a notice stating that in addition to conducting practice sessions in basketball, baseball, and track, he would be available three nights a week to give instruction in "dribbling," passing and goaltending, with an occasional scrimmage. Manager Perkins, meanwhile, was working on a four game schedule.

Try-out Tourney Held

The interclass tournament held to help Coach Prettyman select a squad produced a strange example of form reversal. The Sophomores, who coasted to 13-0 win over the seniors with ten goals in the first period, were drubbed by the Juniors, 18-0, in their second game. The only hint given in explanation was a cryptic note in *Hamilton Life* stating that the Sophs had missed Kaiser, who had not seen action.

On February 9, Hamilton played host to Nichols School of Buffalo, and went down to defeat, 4-1. Apparently hockey had its occupational hazards in those days just as it does today. *Hamilton Life* in its write-up of the game, was high in its praise of Dold, the Nichols goalie, but added with obvious satisfaction,, "Hamilton succeeded in getting one by him in the second period,, after a little mix-up which left him on the ice." The article also mentioned the positions of point, cover-point, and rover, and added the seemingly extraneous comment, "The game was played in three periods." Hamilton took their loss in sportsmanlike fashion, but couldn't resist commenting that Al Kaiser, the strongest offensive player, did not see action.

Blue Downs Albany Academy

The next start saw Hamilton victorious over Albany Academy, winning 6-3. The Albany team was held scoreless until the last period when Porter, their "Rover," sunk three long shots in quick succession. It was a laudable performance on the part of Porter, but no doubt brought the wrath of Coach Prettyman down on goalie Parks. Meanwhile, the awe-inspiring Al Kaiser continued to watch from the sidelines.

The scheduled game with RPI

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Hamilton's Speech Requirement Has Unusual Beginning

Hamilton is generally recognized today in educational circles as a stronghold of the arts of rhetoric and oratory; in an age when these fields are too often neglected, Hamilton's public speaking requirement and active Debate Club do much to uphold Hamilton's reputation of graduating men who can speak effectively and persuasively.

But as every Renaissance has a Dark Ages from which it arises, so too the era of "Public Speaking" on the Hill evolved from a rather inglorious past. One incident serves both to illustrate the gloom from which the present status appeared and to show the first shimmers of hope which heralded a new era.

Large Contest Held

In the period shortly after the Civil War, Hamilton was invited to attend a competition in public speaking to be held in New York City. Many of the leading colleges of the country were participants in this contest, which was advertised on placards throughout the city.

Cited in large, bold letters were the names Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Pennsylvania. The list continued with the names of many smaller eastern colleges. And at the extreme bottom, in very small letters, was inscribed "and Hamilton." But as Professor Upson commented, "We could find no fault with the arrangement or style; it was very natural."

Hamilton Entry Wins

But to the surprise of all, the Hamilton entry succeeded in winning the contest. Upson continues, "No one could blame our enthusiastic boys if, at the end, they did, carrying the victor on their shoulders, shout till the welkin rang, somewhat in derision, the no longer humiliating words, 'and Hamilton.'

Perhaps this was the starting point of Hamilton's "Public Speaking" tradition. At any rate, she had achieved recognition among other colleges in the academic world through her oratorical achievements.

Educator To Talk In Chapel Sunday

William Edgar Park, prominent clergyman and educator, will deliver the sermon in Chapel on Sunday.

Dr. Park was born in West Newton, Massachusetts in 1909. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Williams Colege and his Bachelor of Divinity degree at the Union Theological Seminary. He also attended Harvard Graduate School. Dr. Park has received honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity from Middlebury College and Williams College. He is an ordained minister of the Congregational Church. He has been Pastor of the North Congregational Church in North Arlington, Massachusetts, the Orient Church in Orient, Long Island and the North Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, New York.

Speaks At Many Colleges

In 1940, Dr. Park was appointed President of the Northfield School in East Northfield, Massachusetts. He still holds that position.

Dr. Park has preached at many colleges throughout the country. He is a trustee of Vassar College, and a member of the National Prep School Committee, the Massachusetts State Board of Education, Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and the Gargoyle Society.

He is the author of *Narrow is the Way* and *The Quest for Inner Peace.*

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Hamilton College Opens Basketball Season With Two Straight Wins; Continentals Beat Toronto, Hobart; To Face Utica In Last '51 Game

CONTINENTAL CLIPPINGS . . .

November 30 was a rather momentous occasion in this neck of the woods for not only did the Hamilton College basketball team, playing a new style of ball under a new coach, put in its first public appearance but the 1951-52 Continentals broke a win famine dating some twenty games back to mid-season 1949-50 when the Blue whipped Middlebury, 54-46. Hamilton won two games that year. Under Mox Weber the Buff ended up 6-9 in both the 48-49 and 47-48 campaigns. In 46-47 Hamilton took four while dropping eight. To borrow a phrase from economics, perhaps Hamilton has hit the expansion curve "basketballically" speaking.

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And speaking of basketball, last night's guests from Hobart have the distinction of being the only basketball squad from an all-male college to have a co-ed coaching staff. It seems that Coach Spike Garnish felt his men needed special footwork drills, or perhaps it was just a little incentive to do or die for the old Orange and Purple. Anyway, Peggy Hilsgrove, a lucious and shapely William Smith College soph, gave the Statesmen afternoon tap dancing lessons for three weeks in pre-season practice sessions.

A few weeks ago, Peggy posed for a "*Geneva Daily Times* photographer with her first line (of the chorus variety, that is). While executing the difficult left-foot-cross-over step, four petite hoopmen held basketball balls in their hands as they gazed at their instructor with admiration.

Insiders hint that Peggy is a fifth cousn thrice removed of Judge Streit, scounting the hinterland for undercover college athletic practices.

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Eyes and ears of Hamiltonians will be turned towards Philadelphia and the North-South Soccer game tomorrow to follow the role of Captain Charlie Frisbie in this annual national sports classic. After practicing daily with Coach Pauatier the past week, Charlie left yesterday on the Empire State Express and stayed at Hotel Paramount in New York City last night before leaving for the City of Brotherly Love early this morning.

A familiar face will be among Charlie's teammates on the North team since Vic Allen, Captain of the University of Rochester team, has also been selected to play.

No matter what the outcome of the game, Charlie's selection seems to be a perfect ending for the best soccer season ever in Hamilton history and a perfect way for Charlie to end his intercollegiate soccer career.

Cagers To Meet Pioneers' Quintet

Gunning for their third victory of the current season, the Hamilton College basketball team will meet the Pioneers of Utica College at Utica Free Academy gym in the Patrickmen's third and final game before Christmas vacation on Thursday night, December 13.

The Pioneers opened their season with an unimpressive win over Rochester Institute of Technology, 63-53, last Saturday. Utica played control ball but the ball-handling was poor. Since then, the Pioneers have been working hard on team work play and promise to be much improved when they meet the Blue cagers next week.

In the Rochester game Walt Fitzgerald stood out with his fine team work and smart play making from his guard slot. The scoring punch centered around three men: Don Fovel, forward and Rudy Valenzi, center, who each scored sixteen points, and Fitzgerald, who scored fifteen.

The Utica College squad will tour New England this weekend, meeting Becker College and Westover Field.

Charlatans . . . Cont.

ceived and orchids go to everyone but the curtain puller.

And now we find it appropriate to ask the following question: Why, when the Charlatans give such evidence of fine performance, are they handicapped by (1) what (from the stringent economy that seemed to be used on the sets) seems to be a lack of sufficient funds and by (2) a lack of a permanent stage?

According to the program, this is the 43rd season of the Charlatans' existence. It is too bad that they don't have more in physical assets to show for these years than an improvised stage in Commons. They have the talent, they have the ability, and it seems only logical that they should be blessed with a good stage and sufficient funds. One day they will be. May that day come speedily and in our time!

Blue Wins Opener From Canadians

By Dan Goodstein

Under the direction of new head coach Ken Patrick, Hamilton College unveiled its 1951-1952 basketball team last Friday night and to the delight of an eager crowd in the Alumni Gym, the Hillmen handed Toronto University's touring cagers their second consecutive setback, 69-63.

The Buff and Blue sported some valuable additions in the persons of freshmen Vince Coyle and John Ibach and in a brand new accessory, possession ball defense.

Nathanson Tops Scoring

Toronto's 6-foot, seven-inch center, Bud Nathanson, led the scoring with twenty points. Close behind him were Hamilton's Jim Ryan with eighteen, and Bill Wetherbee with sixteen. However, the most timely scores were added by dimunitive Coyle who thrilled the crowd with his cool play and sharp shooting in the last quarter.

Rog Wood, back in a Hamilton uniform for the first time since his sophomore year, started the Blue on the road to victory, their first in their last 21 starts, by netting a jump shot at the outset of the first period. With Captain Bill Huycke sinking two layups and a brace of free throws, Toronto forged ahead midway in the period. Jim Ryan's long set shot and two successful charity tosses narrowed the margin to 18-14 as the period ended.

Wetherbee Knots Count

Bill Wetherbee, taking a neat pass from Ryan, knotted the score at 20-20 early in the second period. Don Fawcet's free toss gave Toronto the lead again, but Wetherbee's jump shot put the Blues ahead. Nathanson's tap-in sent Coach Bob Masterson's boys into the lead again, but this time only for a moment, as Jim Robinson, Coyle, and Wetherbee dunked in three successive field goals to give the locals a 30-29 halftime lead.

Huycke grabbed Natanson's center tap at the start of the second half and sent Toronto into a 31-30 lead with a quick layup. Led by Ryan, who scored ten points on six free throws and two field goals, the Blue again rolled past Toronto to take a commanding 50-43 lead at the end of the third period.

Coyle Sparks Late Rally

Wetherbee widened the gap to nine points with a hook shot at the opening of the fourth period. With mountain-man Nathanson scoring from close in, Toronto drew even for the last time at 55-55. Coyle netted a foul and then, on a pass from Robinson, dented the twines with a push shot to give Hamilton a 58-55 lead. Huycke, Glover, and Art Binnington scored four points each, but timely baskets by Coyle, Robinson, Ritt and Mullet protected the Hillmen's lead and made the final score 69 63.

Action In Toronto Game

Caught by Art Rath's Spectator camera just after being fouled while shooting is Hamilton senior Jim Robinson. The Toronto player is Raymond Monnot, only member of the Canadian team who makes his home town in the United States.

Block H To Aid New Letter Winners

Granting financial aid towards defraying the cost of Block H sweaters for new lettermen and establishing committees on improving Block H Club subfreshman weekends and the College cheerleading situation were the main actions taken at Monday night's Block H. Club meeting, the first of the year, at the D.U. house.

Reduction of the 1951-52 athletic budget has forced the college to stop giving letter winners their Block H. The Club voted to keep the present sweater as the official athletic award and to help new letter winners to purchase their sweaters by setting up a fund to absorb part of each sweater's cost.

The lettermen hope to reorganize the cheerleading staff so that fans can give organized support at home hockey and basketball games. Probably two sub-frosh weekends will be held this year, one in the winter and one in the spring.

Hockey . . . Cont.

was cancelled, since the ice on the outdoor rink at one end of Carnegie dorm had melted, but a glaring headline in *Hamilton Life* declared "Local seven to take 'Rass' out of Erasmus." The term "Rass" is of doubtful origin, but Erasmus referred to Erasmus Hall High School, who had lost to Army, 2-0, the week before, and were considered as tough opposition. Spirits were high, though, for the fabulous Al Kaiser was at last ready to return to the wars, "If he lasts through practice."

No Ice, No Kaiser

Would Kaiser and Company have beaten Erasmus? No one will ever know,, because the game was rained out, and the season ended with the name of Al Kaiser uppermost in everyone's mind, although he never played a minute.

The mystery was solved the next season, though. Al Kaiser not only played in 1919, but lived up to his press notices, and was elected team captain. To give the story an even more happy ending, *Hamilton Life* made the fololwing statement concerning Parks, the goalie whose singular weakness was long shots:

"Parks played a good game in goal, blocking *several* shots." To us, it sounds like damning with faint praise, but let's give Hamilton's first goalie the benefit of the doubt, and agree that he played a great game.

Statesmen Edged By Four Points

Playing good defensive ball at the opportune moments, Hamilton eked out a 56-52 verdict over Hobart last night before a near capacity crowd in Alumni Gym for the Blue's second straight win against no defeats in the current basketball campaign.

In an oft-tied battle between the two upstate New York rivals, the Continentals showed swift and smooth passwork and team play in several offensive spurts that gave them first quarter and half-time leads. (In the first two minutes of the third period, Hamilton scored three quick field goals while holding Hobart to a single free throw for an eight point spread, the largest of the game.)

Good Defense

Defensively, except for a few momentary lapses, the Blue exhibited an excellent man-to-man defense, easily switching men in front of the hoop, forcing the visitors to try long sets or to attempt cuts from the sides. These defensive tactics paid big dividends in the latter stages of the contest to insure a hard-fought triumph for the Patrickmen.

Hobart gained possession on the center jump and forged into a 1-0 lead on Milt Chodack's free toss in the first five seconds of play. After Jim Ryan's shot missed by inches, Chodack sank a set from near center court. Tom Ritt opened up Hamilton scoring with a lay-up. Seconds later, the swift guard cut in from the left side and dunked another to give the locals a 4-3 lead. Ryan sunk one, driving in on the right side to make it 6-3. Both teams had little luck with their shots during most of the opening period as Hillmen missed several points when the ball rimmed the hoop and then bounced out. With the count 12-11 Hobart, Bill Wetherbee faked a pass, sucking a Hobart defender out of position, and then cut in on the right-center side of the basket to make good on a flip shot that put Hamilton ahead at the quarter mark, 13-12.

Wilson Leads Hobart

Ryan and Jim Robinson led a Blue scoring spree in the first part of the seecond quarter to increase the lead to 21-16 after four and a half minutes. The Statesmen, paced by redheaded frosh whiz Sonny Wilson who racked up five points, then went on an offensive spurt and went into the lead, 25-24. But Wetherbee sank a pair of charity throws and tiny Vince Coyle collected two points as he came in fast under the basket from the left, spun around quickly, and dunked his shot to give the Continentals a 28-25 halftime margin.

After the Blue raised their lead to 34-26 in the early stages of the third period, the Purple and Orange came back and tied things up at 34 all on Wilson's set in front of the hoop. Wetherbee scored two quick field goals on a fake and then a cut into the basketball from the right-center part of the court and on a jump-tap in after he missed a foul shot.

Chodack Sets

Chodack and Wilson dropped a couple of nice set shots as both teams battled nip and tuck finally tying the score 42 all. Wetherbee sank another free throw to give the Blue a momentary lead but Wilson came back with a one-handed push shot from the left to give Hobart a 44-43 third period advantage.

Hamilton's ability to adapt its man-to-man defense to meet Hobart's scoring attempts shown brilliantly in the final quarter. Vince Coyle's cool and calm

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Swimmers To Open With Cortland, Encounter Union Squad Wednesday

By Paul Botting

Tomorrow afternoon, the Continental swimming team will travel to Cortland State Teachers College for the first meet of the year for both squads. Next Wednesday afternoon, the Blue will engage Union, recent 63-21 conquerers of the University of Rochester, at Schenectady.

As the teams appear to be fairly evenly matched, tomorrow's meet probably will be one of the closest of the season although the hosts have been practicing for six weeks while the locals have had but two and a half weeks to prepare for the opener under new head swim coach Joe Smith.

Eight Lettermen On Squad

Eight returning lettermen and several promising freshmen make up a well-rounded but not too powerful team. Captain John Egner, Hal Ferris, Bud Menges and Russ Chapman will swim the sprints. Howie Tobias, college 440 record holder Charlie Bates, and Paul Quinn will compete in the distance events. The backstroke will be swum by Marshall Smith, Pete Hetzer, and frosh Dave Bates, while Don Goss and Steve Frank are the breaststroke artists.

Pete Fox, John Kuck, Charlie Hunt, and Bob Qlwine will represent the Hillmen in the diving. Pete Constable is manager. There are also several other inexperienced freshmen who probably will not see much action immediately but who are being trained for future meets.

Not Pessimistic

Coach Smith is hesitant but not pessimistic in predicting on the Cortland meet's outcome. This is the first team he has ever coached at Hamilton and he would like to see his team win against Cortland, his alma mater. "I've been working the boys pretty hard because I want them to win it. This is the most important meet of the year to me," Coach Smith said this morning.

Union Breaks College Records

In Union, Hamilton will be competing against a powerful, well-balanced squad that has won its last nine meets, extending into last season. Leading the Garnet swimmers are Dick Hartmann and Weiner Reiners. Last Saturday in the Rochester meet, Hartmann set new Union records in the individual medley and backstroke events. Reiners lowered the Union 220 freestyle mark to 2.23:4. The 440 relay team of Stark, Dorse, Duffy, and Reiners set a new Union and pool record with a 3.50:2 effort.

From pre-season reports the two remaining Hamilton opponents, R.P.I. and LeMoyne seem to be about equal to the Blue.

Basketball Circuit Opens With Psi U And ADP Victories

Opening the 1951-52 intramural basketball campaign, Psi Upsilon, frequent League champions in the past few years, coasted to a 48-32 triumph over Lambda Chi Alpha Monday night.

Small, swift Hans Tachau of the losers ran away with scoring honors with 18 points, more than half his team's total output. Forward Benny Salkuski paced the victors with 14 counters. Fred Henry scored eight as did burly center John Logan whose fine board play helped insure victory for Psi U.

Using an amazing total of seventeen players, Delta Upsilon outscored Tau Kappa Epsilon, 49-46, in the second game of Monday's double-header. Playing from the center slot, Dan Taylor dunked 14 points to pace the D.U.'s. Frosh Dick Cavanagh sparked the winners' team play beside getting seven markers. Captain Walt Smith with 14 points led his TKE teammates who staged a tremendous rally after trailing 31-18 at the mid-way mark. Connie Ring, forward, and big Dick Levy, center, collected 10 apiece.

Defendng Intramural basketball titlist Alpha Delta Phi showed its opponents it intends to keep its crown by overwhelming Delta Phi, 75-18, in Wednesday night's opener for both teams. Playing without the services of two of last year's regulars, John Davis and John Egner, the Alpha Delts ran the count up to 42-5 at halftime.

Theta Delta Chi bested the Squires-Independents aggregation 39-27, in Wednesday's other contest. Rog Hagerty with 12 points and Don Grant with ten sparked the winner's offensive play.

Hobart Scoring

HAMILTON	FG	FT	TP
Wetherbee, f	3	8	14
Wood, f	2	0	4
Mullett, c	1	0	2
Ritt, g	3	0	6
Ryan, g	3	6	12
Coyle, g	2	0	4
Robinson, f	2	2	6
Ibach, c	2	0	4
Badenhausen, c	2	0	4
HOBART	**FG**	**FT**	**TP**
Marsh, g	3	3	9
Colgan, f	2	0	4
Berkeley, c	2	0	4
Chodack, g	4	2	10
Wilson, g	6	6	18
Brascho, f	0	1	1
Butler, g	1	0	2
Romano, g	2	0	4

Publications Board

The Hamilton Publications Board will meet Monday at 4:30 p.m. in Root 6, chairman Phil Robinson said today.

Campus Donations Near Fund Goal, Seaman Declares

With 93 students still to be heard from, the proceeds of the Hamilton College Campus Fund drive stand at $3,360.89, just $139.11 short of the goal of $3500, Ronald Seaman, treasurer of the drive, announced yesterday evening.

"We're doing our utmost to contact every student and every faculty member, and if solicitors as well as contributors will cooperate, we're confident that we shall exceed the goal," said Seaman.

Contributions have been received from about 85% of Hamilton College students, with a total of 561 contributions made from the faculty and student body combined. The present figures on total contributions from the fraternities and the independents are as follows:

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TKE	$171.10
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Hill Council O.K.'s Fund Requisitions

Two financial requests, the College assembly program and the Haverford Plan for extra-curricular activities were discussed at Monday's meeting of the Student Council in Root Hall.

Henry Kopple, treasurer of the Squires Club, asked for $20 to pay the registration fees for two delegates from Hamilton to the National Independent Students' Association meeting at Connecticut College this year. The Squires Club will provide all travel expenses. Because of the possibility that the annual meeting might be held at Hamilton next year, the request was granted by the Council.

$100 For Outing Club

Outing Club president Fritz Lahvis attended the Council meeting and obtained approval of his Club's budget of $100 with the reservation that the budget would not be renewed next year if the Club is unable to increase its membership.

The College assembly program was read and approved without change.

Rod Gander, Frank Jewell and Bill Schwarz were named to study the Haverford Plan for extra-curricular activities. They will report on it at the Council's first meeting in January.

Veteran Squash Squad Looks Forward To Improving .500 Previous Record

Although Jack Barton, John Hill, and Pete Grimm have graduated, this year's Squash Team will still have veterans Pete Wood, Si Keehn, Tim Hyde, Hart Deacon, Jim Farmer, Doug White, and Tom Arthur. The schedule has yet to be completed but Captain Pete Wood expects it to be informal as was last year's with the squad meeting teams from Colgate, Clark Gym of Cooperstown, Utica, Fort Orange Club of Albany, Clinton, and the college faculty.

Under the coaching of Mox Weber and the captainship of Si Keehn, last year's team won three matches, lost three, and tied one. Twenty-seven individual matches were won by Blue squashmen while twenty-five were lost. With most of the team returning plus the interest shown by several other upperclassmen and frosh in the sport, Coach Weber hopes to improve on 1950's .500 record.

Hobart . . . Cont.

team play slowed down the Blue after they forced into the lead 47-44 on Wetherbee's foul and Ibach's left-handed push shot. The Blue consistantly bottled up the center lanes forcing the Statesmen to try long shots. Several times the home forces stole the ball from the visitors to break up scoring attempts and preserve their lead until the whistle.

Hobart J.V.'s whipped Hamilton J.V.'s 64-59 in the Prelim.

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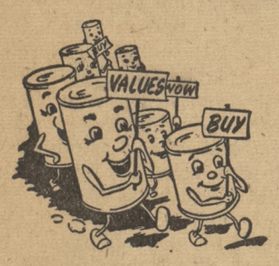

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